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MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT REINFORCES ITS COMMITMENT TO REDUCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Response To Report On Deaths Caused By Domestic Violence

TORONTO – Premier McGuinty and Sandra Pupatello, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, today underlined the government's commitment to reduce the violence and to ensure that women can live free from harm in their homes and in their communities.

Their comments were made following the release today by the Coroner's Office of the first annual report by the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee. The report covers case reviews of deaths caused by domestic violence in 2002.

"Domestic violence is an issue of paramount importance to my government," said McGuinty. "We will be vigilant in addressing the problem. We welcome the report's recommendations. In fact, they reflect what we have been hearing in our consultations with people who work in the area of violence against women, and are in keeping with the steps we will take to keep more women out of harm's way, to raise awareness and to improve prevention."

In one of his first acts as Premier, McGuinty met with frontline workers to seek their advice and appointed his Parliamentary Assistant, Laurel Broten, to consult with various groups and identify potential reforms tackling domestic violence. Those consultations took place this winter.

To demonstrate its commitment to this issue, the government has formed a ministerial steering committee chaired by Pupatello, made up of key cabinet ministers to elevate domestic violence as a priority and to take a comprehensive approach across ministries. In the near future, the government will make an announcementon domestic violence initiatives.

"Violence against women and children affects us all, and women's safety is taken very seriously by this government," said Pupatello. "Domestic violence will not be tolerated. In the short term, we are taking steps to better protect women and children. In the long term, we want to reduce the incidence of domestic violence."

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